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Dear IMPACT Plus Billing Personnel:

Hello everyone! Let me begin by telling you how pleased I am to be working with the IMPACT Plus provider community again. I truly enjoy my day-to-day communication with the billing personnel in our provider network.

This letter is to inform you of some very important changes being made to the IMPACT Plus billing process. In order to bring the IMPACT Plus service codes into compliance with *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)*, new service codes and modifier codes will be implemented on October 16, 2003. If you have not received your new billing instructions, they will be arriving soon. The updated manual will clearly note the changes, so please read it carefully. I have provided a brief summary of the changes below. Please keep this information for future reference.

- DSM-IV diagnosis codes will no longer be used in field 21 of the HCFA-1500 form. Instead, providers shall use the appropriate ICD-9 diagnosis code in the same field.
- Procedure codes will still be entered in field 24-D of the HCFA-1500 form. However, providers will be using the new HIPAA compliant service codes. These codes will be clearly indicated in your new billing manual.
- Modifier codes will no longer be required EXCEPT for the following services:
 - Individual Services: If an individual therapy service is provided by a psychiatrist, indicate a modifier of **U1**. For individual therapy services provided by other professionals, no modifier is needed.
 - Therapeutic Foster Care/Therapeutic Group Residential Care: If the service provided is Therapeutic Group Residential Care, indicate a modifier of **HQ**. No modifier is needed for Therapeutic Foster Care.
 - Therapeutic Child Support (TCS) Services: There are three levels of Therapeutic Child Support Services. The following modifier codes will indicate the appropriate level:

Parent-to-Parent Support Services	(modifier code HS)
Paraprofessional TCS staff	(modifier code HM)
Professional TCS staff (BA/BS/MA/MS)	(modifier code HN)

- Therapeutic After School and Summer Programs: If the service provided is a Therapeutic After School program, indicate a modifier of **UG**. No modifier is needed for Therapeutic Summer Program.

Please remember that all services must still be prior authorized (PA). HRC staff have been informed of these changes, and your PAs will reflect the new service codes and modifiers (if appropriate).

Unysis, Medicaid and I have worked diligently to ensure that the IMPACT Plus Billing Instructions include all of the information you will need to complete your billing correctly. I look forward to a smooth transition to these new codes. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me at (502) 564-4797.

Sincerely,

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